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MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (Department of Food)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 14th January 1958

S.R.O. 172.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Order may be called the Rice and Paddy (Assam) Price Control Order, 1958.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Maximum prices at which rice and paddy may be sold.**—(1) The maximum prices at which winter sali rice and paddy may be sold in wholesale quantities in the zones within the State of Assam as mentioned in column 1 of the First Schedule of this order shall be as specified in the corresponding entry in column 2 of the said Schedule.

(2) For the purposes of this order—

- (a) all prices are exclusive of the cost of gunny bags;
- (b) a maund is equivalent in weight to 82-2/7 lbs;
- (c) "sale in wholesale quantities" means sale in quantities exceeding ten maunds in any one transaction;
- (d) the prices specified in the First Schedule to this order are for fair average quality conforming to the specifications prescribed in the Second Schedule to this order; for rice or paddy below the fair average quality, the maximum prices shall be determined by reducing the prices specified in the First Schedule by the amounts of cuts indicated in the Second Schedule.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

(See clause 2)

1 Zones	2 Maximum price per maund	
	Winter sali rice	Winter sali paddy
	Rs.	Rs.
(1) Kamrup District north of Brahmaputra, Darrang District, North Lakhimpur Sub-Division, Hailakhandi and Silchar Sub-Divisions and Kokrajhar Sub-Division	18.00	10.25
(2) Kamrup District south of Brahmaputra, Nowgong and Sibsagar Districts, Karimganj and Goalpara Sub-Divisions	18.40	10.50
(3) Dhubri and Dibrugarh Sub-Divisions	18.80	10.75

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

(See clause 2)

Winter Sali Assam rice

Specification: Fair average quality

The rice shall be in sound, merchantable condition, sweet, dry, clean, wholesome, of good food value, uniform in colour and size of grain and free from mould, weevils, smell, discolouration, admixture of deleterious substances or colouring agents and all impurities except to the extent indicated in the Table below:

Constituents of admixtures	Kind of rice	Tolerance limit (per cent)	Rate at which cuts shall be imposed for every one per cent or part of one per cent over the tolerance limit specified in column (3)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
A. Brokens and fragments :			
(1) Milled rice	(i) Boiled rice.	5	Re. 0.12 per maund up to 7 1/2% . Over 7 1/2% up to 15% Re. 0.19 per maund.
	(ii) Raw rice	7 1/2	Re. 0.12 per maund up to 10% . Over 10% up to 20% Re. 0.19 per maund.
(2) Hand-pounded rice	(i) Boiled rice.	7 1/2	Re. 0.12 per maund up to 10% . Over 10% up to 15% Re. 0.19 per maund.
	(ii) Raw rice	10	Re. 0.12 per maund up to 12 1/2% . Over 12 1/2% up to 20% Re. 0.19 per maund.
B. For both milled and hand pounded rice:			
(1) Dirt, Foreign matter and paddy or unhusked grains.	Boiled rice or Raw rice.	1	Re. 0.12 per maund up to 2% . Over 2% Re. 0.25 per maund.
(2) Damaged, discoloured and weevilled grains.	Boiled rice or Raw rice	1	Re. 0.12 per maund up to 2% . Over 2% Re. 0.25 per maund.
(3) Red grains and other varieties.	Do.	2 1/2%	Re. 0.12 per maund up to 5% . Over 5% Re 0.25 per maund.
C. For stocks containing brokens exceeding 15 per cent in the case of boiled and 20 per cent in the case of raw rice, the maximum price shall be 3/4th of the price specified in this notification for fair average quality.			

Winter sali Assam paddy

Specification: Fair average quality

The paddy shall be in sound, merchantable condition, dry, clean, of uniform colour and grain size and free from dirt, foreign matter, chaff or immature grains

and free from mould, musty or obnoxious odour, excessive moisture, and free from signs of weevil or insect attack and all impurities except to the extent indicated in the Table below:

Constituents of admixtures	Tolerance limit (per cent)	Rate at which cuts shall be imposed for every one per cent or part of one per cent over tolerance limit in column (2)
(1)	(2)	(3)
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A. 1. Dirt, mud, sand, chaff and other similar foreign matter	1.0	At full value.
2. Admixture of lower grade paddy	2 1/2	Re. 0.69 per maund up to 5%.
B. For stocks containing admixture of lower grade paddy exceeding 5 per cent, the maximum price shall be 3/4th of the price specified in this notification for fair average quality.		

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